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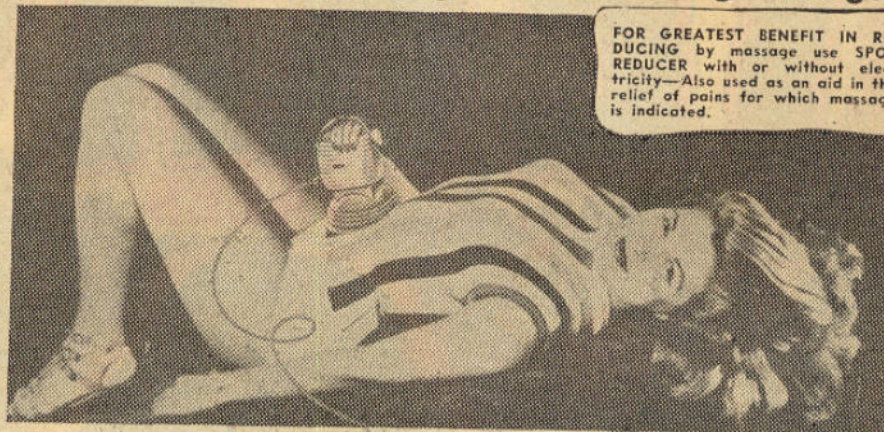
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Love FROM A

GORGON

by Jay Disbrow

NO-NO---STAY AWAY FROM ME, YOU UNSPEAKABLE CREATURE! D-DON'T---DON'T COME NEAR ME! DON'T TOUCH ME!

DO NOT DERIDE ME, BELOVED. I HAVE CROSSED THE UNKNOWN VOIDS OF TIME AND SPACE TO FIND YOU---YOU SEE, I LOVE YOU!

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THIS GHASTLY AFFAIR HAD ITS BEGINNING, ONE SULTRY HOT NIGHT IN MID-AUGUST, WHEN I, DOCTOR GORDON BRANDT, RECEIVED AN EMERGENCY CALL FROM MY OLD FRIEND, PROFESSOR UJYRA VANGOTH.

SOMETHING DREADFUL HAS HAPPENED, GORDON, AND I MUST SEE YOU TONIGHT! BUT BE SURE YOU COME AT EXACTLY 10:55! NOT A MOMENT SOONER, OR LATER!

IT'S ALMOST TEN THIRTY NOW! I'LL JUST HAVE TIME TO MAKE IT!

AT THE APPOINTED TIME, I ARRIVED AT VANGOTH'S RAMBLING OLD MANSION ON THE OUT-SKIRTS OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT.

POOR OLD FELLOW, HE SOUNDED TERRIFIED! WHAT COULD HAVE FRIGHTENED HIM SO?

I WAS ADMITTED BY THE BUTLER.

WHERE'S THE PROFESSOR, CHARLES? WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

HE'S COMING NOW, SIR, ER; MIGHT I SUG-

GEST THAT YOU TRY NOT TO EXCITE HIM?



A MOMENT LATER, PROFESSOR VANGOTH ENTERED THE SPACIOUS LIVING ROOM, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS HUGE GREAT DANE.



I'M SORRY I CAN NOT GREET YOU UNDER MORE PLEASANT CIRCUMSTANCES, GORDON, BUT I NEED YOUR ADVICE!

WHAT'S WRONG, UTYRA? YOU SOUNDED DESPERATE OVER THE TELEPHONE!

I AM DESPERATE, GORDON! UNLESS THIS AWFUL TORMENT CEASES, I FEAR I SHALL GO MAD! ---LISTEN: IN EXACTLY THREE AND A HALF MINUTES, SOMEONE, OR SOMETHING WILL ENTER THIS HOUSE!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, UTYRA? WHY ARE YOU BEING SO MYSTERIOUS --- SO MELODRAMATIC?



BELIEVE ME GORDON, I'M NOT EXAGGERATING THE GRAVITY OF THIS SITUATION! --- BUT HERE IS MY STUDY, IN A FEW MOMENTS YOU SHALL BE A WITNESS TO THIS AWFUL VISITATION!

BUT WHAT IS IT, A MAN, A WOMAN, AN ANIMAL OF SOME KIND?

THE OLD PROFESSOR TOOK A FIRM GRIP ON THE COLLAR OF HIS DOG, AS HE DREW ME BEHIND THE CONCEALMENT OF A HUGE PORTIERE.

FROM HERE WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT VIEW OF THE ENTIRE ROOM! THE DRAPE IS THIN, AND WE CAN SEE THROUGH IT, BUT WE CANNOT BE SEEN IN THE SHADOWS OF THIS ALCOVE! NOW WATCH THAT OPEN WINDOW CLOSELY; IN EXACTLY 45 SECONDS YOU'LL SEE IT-----

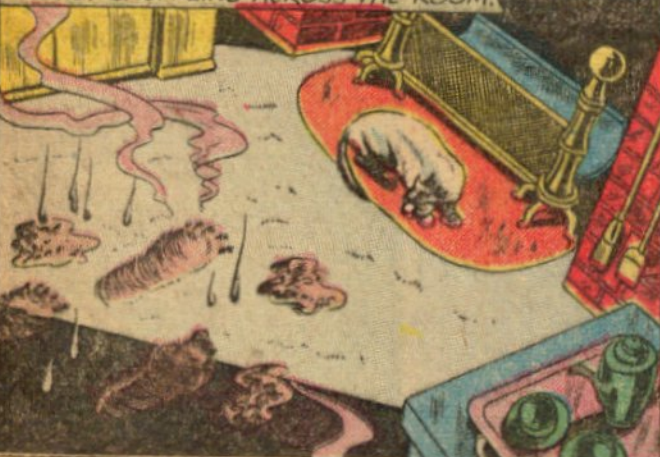
THE SECONDS CRAWLED SLOWLY BY AS I KEPT MY EYES FIXED ON THE EAST WINDOW, AND THEN, PRECISELY ON THE STROKE OF ELEVEN, THE SASH BEGAN TO RATTLE, AND THE CURTAIN BLEW INWARD, AS THOUGH WAFTED BY A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND, BUT THERE WAS NO WIND!

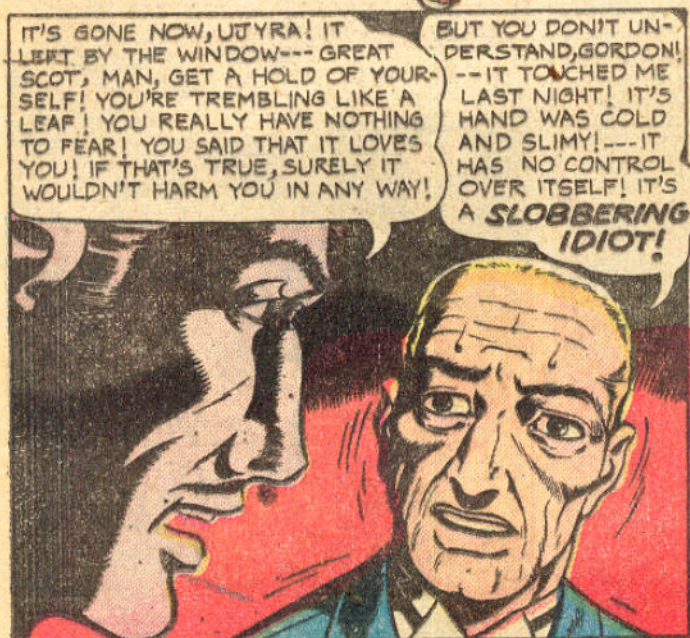


I STARED INCREDULOUSLY, AS I BEHELD HUGE IMPRESSIONS THE SIZE AND SHAPE OF HUMAN FEET, TAKING FORM IN THE SOFT PILE OF THE THICK RUG. A DARK OOZING SUBSTANCE, FROM AN UNSEEN SOURCE WAS DRIPPING UPON THE FLOOR! SOME INVISIBLE CREATURE WAS SLOWLY SHUFFLING ACROSS THE ROOM.

THE LARGE SIAMESE CAT WHICH HAD BEEN SLEEPING ON THE HEARTH, AWOKE SUDDENLY AND BEGAN TO RUB IT'S BODY AGAINST AN UNSEEN OBJECT.

YOU SEE GORDON, THE CAT KNOWS THE CREATURE! HE'S PURRING! AND LOOK! ---THE FUR ON HIS BACK IS FLATTENING! SOMETHING IS PETTING HIM!!





I TOOK A CAB BACK HOME, AND DURING THE RIDE, I REFLECTED ON THE INCREDIBLE INCIDENTS THAT TRANSPIRED A FEW MOMENTS BEFORE.





UTYRA, I WISH I KNEW WHAT TO TELL YOU, BUT I'M BAFLED! ---IF ONLY YOU COULD SEE THIS THING, TALK TO IT, AND REASON WITH IT---

IT'S NO USE; YOU CAN'T REASON WITH A BRAINLESS ENTITY, THAT'S GUIDED ONLY BY INSTINCT AND PASSION! ---EVERY ONE THINKS I'M MAD! EVEN CHARLES, MY BUTLER AVOIDS ME! HE WON'T STAY IN THE SAME ROOM WITH ME!



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, WHEN UTYRA VANGOTH AND HIS DOG WERE ALONE IN HIS STUDY---

IT'S BACK---IT'S BACK AGAIN! BUT I'M NOT AFRAID ANY LONGER! I KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW!



HEAR ME NOW, YOU CREATURE OF DARKNESS! WHAT EVER YOU ARE, WHERE EVER YOU ARE, I **COMMAND** YOU, BY EVERYTHING THAT IS GOOD, AND JUST, AND DECENT, TO MAKE YOURSELF VISIBLE! REVEAL YOURSELF TO ME, **NOW!**

SLOWLY AT FIRST, A DIM, OBSCURE OBJECT APPEARED, AND GRADUALLY TOOK FORM, UNTIL IT RESOLVED ITSELF INTO A VISIBLE FIGURE. VANGOTH STAGGERED BACK AS ONE STRUCK FORCIBLY. A QUALM OF NAUSEA SWEEPED OVER HIM, AND HIS EYES BULGED IN INECREDULITY, AS HE BEHELD THE UNBELIEVABLY GROTESQUE GORGON, WHICH APPROACHED HIM WITH OPEN ARMS.



I HEAR AND OBEY, BELOVED!

NO-NO, IT ISN'T POSSIBLE! ---STAY AWAY FROM ME!



GET IT, REX! KILL IT--- KILL IT!!

AGRAF



WITH A STRENGTH THAT BELIED ITS APPEARANCE, THE HAIRY MONSTROSITY TWISTED THE GREAT DANE, UNTIL ITS VERTEBRAE PARTED WITH A SICKENING SNAP.

BROW

CRACK!

YOU-YOU
KILLED HIM!
YOU KILLED
MY DOG!--
YOU VILE,
DISGUSTING
THING! YOU'VE
DESTROYED MY
ONLY COMPANION!

FORGIVE ME, BELOVED,
I MEANT THE BEAST
NO HARM, BUT IT
ATTACKED ME, AND
I HAD TO DEFEND
MYSELF!

WHAT ARE YOU?--WHERE DID YOU
COME FROM? WHY ARE YOU HERE
TO TORTURE ME?

MY NAME
IS NOGRAMOG, AND I HAVE
TRAVERSED MILLIONS OF MILES,
AND AEONS OF TIME TO FIND
YOU!--I AM NOT THE BRAIN-
LESS CREATURE YOU THINK I
AM: INDEED, I HAVE AN IN-
TELLIGENCE THAT SURPASSES
YOUR OWN.-- TO YOU I AM
UGLY, BUT TO THE BEINGS OF
MY OWN WORLD, I WAS
CONSIDERED BEAUTIFUL!

THE WORLD FROM WHICH I CAME IS
CALLED TYRANNIA, A PLANET WHICH
EXISTS IN AN OTHER TIME DIMENSION.
MY WORLD IS INCREDIBLY OLD, AND
I HAVE SPRUNG FROM A RACE OF
BEINGS THAT TRACES ITS LINEAGE
BACK TO MILLIONS OF YEARS.-- WE
WERE OF A SUPERIOR INTELLECT; WE
HAD POWERS WHICH EARTH MEN HAVE
LONGED FOR SINCE THE BEGINNING OF
TIME! BUT OUR RACE BEGAN TO DIE
OUT, AND PRESENTLY, I WAS THE ONLY
SURVIVOR OF A ONCE MIGHTY PEOPLE!



"FOR A HUNDRED YEARS, I LIVED IN BITTER LONELINESS,
AND THEN I CONCEIVED A WAY TO CROSS THE VOIDS
OF TIME AND SPACE. USING A TELEPORTATION MECHANISM,
I BROKE DOWN THE ATOMS OF MY BODY INTO THEIR COM-
PONENT PARTS, AND IN THE FORM OF PURE ENERGY, I
SPED ACROSS THE VISTAS OF INFINITY."



"AT LAST I ARRIVED ON EARTH, AND REASSEMBLED
MYSELF. THEN, USING MY POWERS TO CLOUD
MENS MINDS SO THEY COULDN'T SEE ME, I WENT
AMONG THE HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS OF THE GLOBE,
SEEKING A FIT MAN WITH WHICH TO MATE, BUT
EVERY WHERE I WENT, I FOUND IGNORANCE,
CUPIDITY, AND MALICE. NOWHERE COULD I FIND
ONE WITH ENOUGH GOODNESS AND INTELLI-
GENCE TO MERIT MY AFFECTIONS."



AND THEN I DISCOVERED YOU; AND AS I OBSERVED YOUR BEHAVIOR, AND STUDIED YOUR CHARACTER, I KNEW THAT YOU WERE THE ONE FOR ME!---YOU HAVE AN INTELLIGENCE FAR ABOVE AVERAGE, AND A PHILOSOPHICAL NATURE THAT IS AKIN TO MY OWN! YOU WILL RETURN TO TYRANNIA WITH ME, AND PROPAGATE OUR ONCE MAGNIFICENT RACE!

Y-YOU'RE MAD!
--I COULD NEVER BE MATED TO YOU! YOU'RE UGLY, AND DETESTABLE!
--- YOU HAVE NO SELF CONTROL!

MY ORAL ORGANS ARE CONSTRUCTED DIFFERENTLY THAN YOURS. TO DRIVEL IS A NATURAL STATE WITH ME; YOU MUST NOT DESPISE ME FOR THAT, BELOVED, FOR IN MANY OTHER WAYS, I AM JUST AS HUMAN AS YOU ARE! --BUT COME NOW, A KISS BEFORE WE LEAVE!

NO-NO-DON'T TOUCH ME! STAY AWAY FROM ME! I WON'T GO WITH YOU!



PLEASE DO NOT STRUGGLE, BELOVED. I DON'T WANT TO HARM YOU, BUT I SHALL NOT BE DENIED!

NO, LEAVE ME ALONE! I CAN'T STAND IT! AAAGH!



LATE THAT NIGHT, I WAS AWAKENED BY THE RINGING OF THE TELEPHONE----

THIS IS CHARLES, THE BUTLER, DR. BRANDT. FORGIVE ME FOR DISTURBING YOU, SIR, BUT COULD YOU COME OVER HERE IMMEDIATELY? SOMETHING DREADFUL HAS HAPPENED--- IT'S THE PROFESSOR---

OF COURSE, CHARLES, I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!



LATER-- AND THAT'S THE WAY I FOUND HIM, SIR! THE DOCTOR SAID HE SUCCUMBED TO A HEART ATTACK!---THE DOG'S BACK WAS BROKEN, BUT HOW THAT HAPPENED IS UNKNOWN!

THAT'S ODD! --- THAT WET SUBSTANCE ON HIS CHEEK! IT LOOKS LIKE SALIVA!---IT'S SHAPED IN THE FORM OF TWO LARGE LIPS! I WONDER IF THE THING COULD HAVE KISSED HIM AGAIN!



WHAT EVER HAPPENED, SIR, HE IS AT PEACE NOW!
BUT I WONDER IF HE IS? --HE SAID THAT THIS CREATURE HAD SUPER-NORMAL POWERS; IF THAT IS TRUE, PERHAPS HIS SPIRIT IS EVEN NOW WITH HER, SOMEPLACE OUT THERE---I WONDER!



The End



BURNING SANDS OF DEATH

TEACHING Ancient History at the State University was beginning to get on my nerves. I just couldn't stand the confinement of those four walls within the sphere of the campus. Not after having spent three years with the World-Wide Espionage Group under General Franklyn W. Davis. I was again becoming the typical school teacher. With my small, sandy moustache, horned rim eyeglasses, thin built, and receding blonde wavy hair, my students always pleasantly greeted me with, "Good afternoon, Dr. Howards." They and my colleagues should have known that I was X-18 in the last war taking on any character from an aged Frenchman to a German military officer. Officially, I was supposed to have been stationed in the archive department at Washington, doing research work on maps.

As I was about to leave my class room, a student messenger stopped me, "Excuse me, Dr. Howards, but Dean Littchenfield would like to see you for a moment in his office." I turned down the corridor and headed for room 121. Percival Littchenfield had originally been head of the English Department at the University before he had been made Dean of Men. He was a small middle-aged man, with stooping shoulders, thick eyeglasses, and completely bald. He was in his office when I opened the door. "Good afternoon, Howards", he said, in a familiarity I had never seen before. "My car is outside, will you be so kind as to go home with me at once."

"I have a meeting with Dr. Blenders on the new term schedule", I replied.

"My office just called it off", was all he said.

We drove to his home on the outskirts of the city. Not a word was said during the trip. We entered his home and he opened a small door which lead to the garage. "Someone inside a truck waiting to see you," was all he enlightened me about. I entered the garage, saw the truck, and spotted the driver. It was my old war time boss, General Davis! "Hello, Herman", was his greeting. "Now don't show amazement. Just climb up on the driver's seat and listen to me. You're back in service again."

General Davis was about 6 feet in height, of stocky build, with black hair that was graying around the edges, and deep set brown eyes. "You're X-18 again on a tough assignment. For

the last year, men have been vanishing from cities along the eastern coast. Ordinarily the police would say they go into the forgotten men who have changed their names for a variety of reasons. But all these men have one thing in common. They have had mining and engineering experience. Last month, a British Patrol Vessel in the Red Sea, stopped a smuggler's boat. Five men from New York City were aboard that boat concealed below the deck. They had no recollection of who they were or where they were going. Medical examination showed they were suffering from artificial amnesia induced by the drug Stratfine. One man recovered sufficiently to tell us he had been held by Tribesmen of the Medussis in the Sahara Desert in the stronghold of Ar-Lam-Bog. You and I are going to the Desert to find out what is behind these peculiar disappearances."

Give the General credit. He certainly knew how to organize things. The newspapers featured the fact that I was going on a trip sponsored by the State University to study life among the Medussis. The General turned up with a long beard and his name was "Professor Andronovitch Logonosky." We flew aboard a special plane and three days later found ourselves at Fort Duplois, a French stronghold in the Desert. Major Jacque Péroir was our host. He was a middle aged typical career army officer with a real devotion to duty. He wore a close clipped beard. At the Fort we found an Englishman, Georges Monterey in a wheelchair. He was there for his health, and since he had money to spend, he was taking life easy.

Our equipment consisted of a half-tractor, two light supply cars, ten armed guards and the necessary number of porters and drivers. Mohammed Ali was an ageless thin man who could have been thirty or fifty. "I shall take good care of this car", he assured me. "It was used by the members of the Ciron-Blanc expedition. Alas they were all wiped out." I wondered if that last crack was supposed to give me a shudder. It failed to do so.

We picked the wrong time to travel on the desert. The blazing sun hit the sand and it reflected into your eyes. The General and I both wore our special eyeglasses. We sat together in our car and talked. "The oasis of Nu-La-Art" he said, "will be our camping ground for the first night."

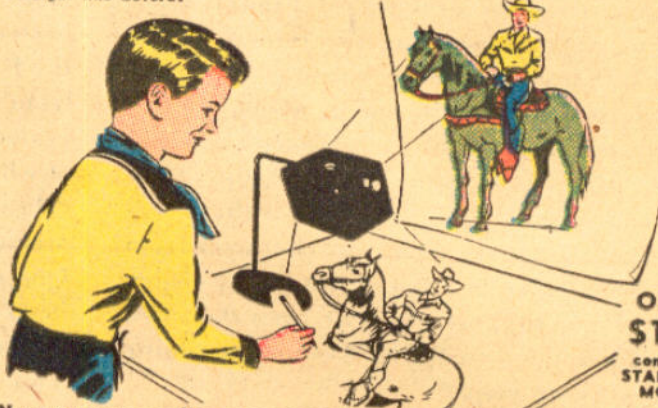
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Trust On Me
Jesus Keep Me Near
The Cross
Softly And Tenderly
Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Just A Closer Walk With Thee
It Is No Secret
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Exhausted, I will admit I slept like a baby. But my sensitive ears heard noises, I awoke, grabbed for my revolver, and walked towards the half-tractor. In the dim light of a quarter moon I saw a man dash for the shelter of nearby palm and date trees. I fired twice. General Davis was at my side with a gun in his hand. "What's wrong?", he demanded.

"Someone fooling with the half-tractor," I answered. "Get a flashlight and we can check."

With a powerful beam of light focused on the car, we noticed a small trickle of gasoline on the sand. "The petrol tank", remarked the General. "We would be stalled in the desert." I plugged up the leak which I located while Davis went looking around for possible clues. Half an hour later, he returned with a puzzled look on his face. "Our uninvited visitor was a white man. He wore riding boots and toes inward from his walk. Either he came here in a jeep or on a camel. We'll post guard and get some sleep."

In the morning we set out for our next position. About noon we reached the remains of the famous Temple of Ramses II. "To think that ancient Egyptian civilization once reached up here", I sighed, "and today it's nothing more than sand." The General laughed. "The scholar is still within you. Let's investigate." Mohammed Ali volunteered to show us through the temple. We mounted redstone steps that had withstood centuries. Then we walked through a long corridor. Ali turned around to be certain not a soul was in sight. "If you follow me, I shall show you a secret treasure room." That was enough to tempt any one. He pushed a secret knob and a side of the wall moved. We both entered—and the door shut with Ali outside. I looked at the General and he looked at me. What fools we had been to walk into this trap. It was a huge room and our fate would be dry bones if they ever located us. Then I smiled. "Get the cartridges out of your belt and we can line the side of the stone and blow it open." Some thirty minutes later we had emptied the contents of about two dozen bullets along the crack between the wall and the movable stone. I took a look at my shoes and the shoelace became a fuse. The General applied his cigarette lighter, we just prayed and then came a bang. The secret stone door fell forward and we were free.

Ali rushed up the steps to be greeted by us and two businesslike guns. "Talk quick", ordered

the general, "or we shall wrap you in the skin of a pig." Ali knew it would be his end unless he explained so he told us all he knew. "By the Beard of the Prophet, I swear my words are true. White men are drugged in your country. They are taken on freighters to an island near the Red Sea. Then they are brought up the coast in small sailing vessels. Their skins are dyed brown and they are brought to Ar-Lam-Bog. They work in a mine and bring forth something that glows in the dark." That could only mean one thing. Radio active material was being taken beneath the ground of the ancient city!!

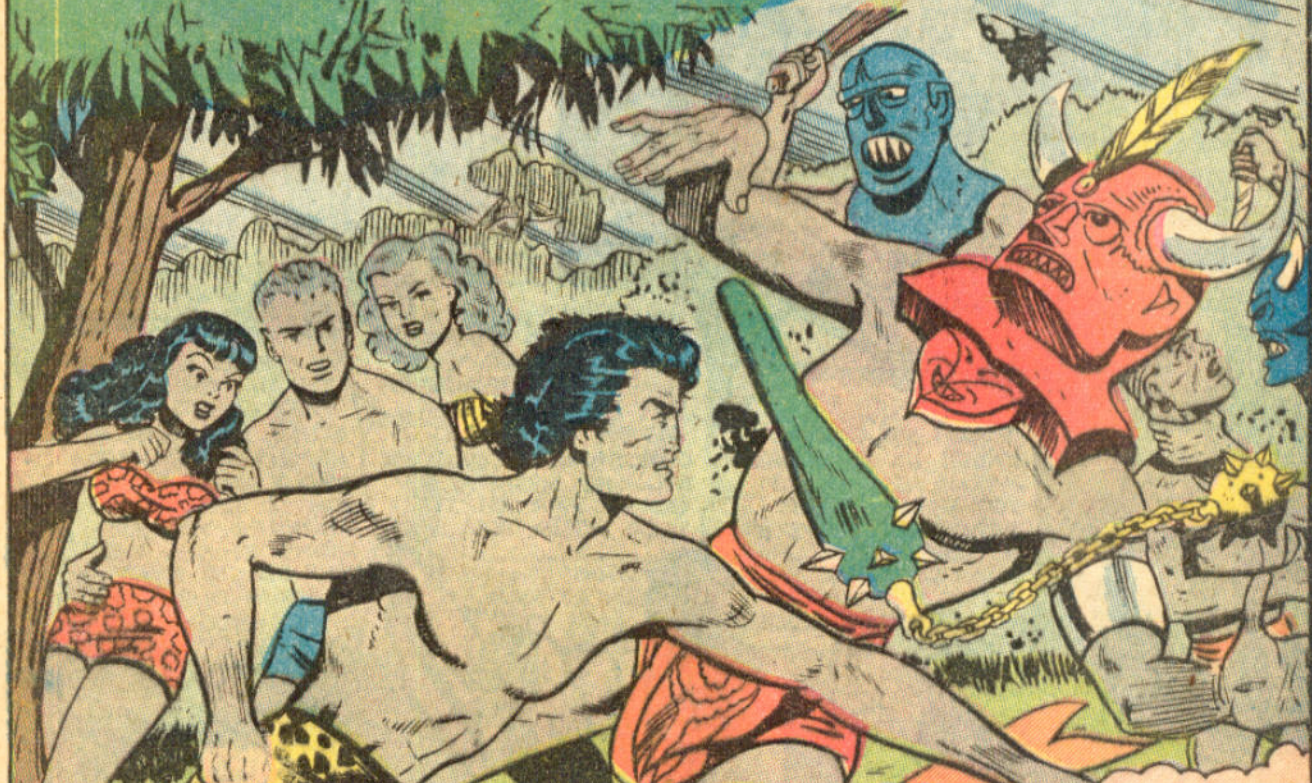
We were so busy paying attention to Ali that neither of us noticed a man with a sub-machine gun in his hand. There in front of us was Georges Monterey, standing erect and looking as though he would kill us in a minute. "Drop those guns," he ordered. We had no choice. "Bind their hands", he said to Ali and that took place in a few minutes. He marched us to the side of the temple. "Dig a hole and give them the death of Suma-Li."

The most dreadful punishment in the Sahara was the Suma-Li. The victim was placed in a hole in the ground, his face smeared with honey, and the ants did the rest of the job. Monterey gave Ali a gun. "I will return to the Fort and say the men wandered off into the desert and were probably killed by unfriendly tribesmen."

Ali puffed on a cigaret as a thin stream of tiny insects crawled toward us. I prayed for a swift death and as they came closer, I became so frightened that I shouted, "Go Back". My voice was shrill and high. The impossible happened. The ants turned around. Ali turned white. "It is the will of Allah", he moaned. "He wishes you to live." Ali dug us out of the sand and massaged our limbs. He gave the general his gun. "I shall procure camels and we will return to the fort."

Monterey was arrested and the gang in the United States was also caught. The French bombed the stronghold of Ar-Lam-Bog and took possession of the uranium deposits there. About the ants? It took three scientists to figure out what had happened. Once I wanted to be a singer. I could hit high F above high C on the scale. And my vibrations affected their nervous systems and made them turn around and flee for their lives. The men who had been taken as slaves were given special medical treatment. Then they went back to normal life.

THE MEDICINE MEN MURDERS...



MANY MOONS AGO, BRACELETS OF GOLD DISAPPEARED FROM JO-JO'S TRIBE AND NOT UNTIL NOW WERE DISCOVERED. BUT THE PRICE THAT JO-JO HAS TO PAY IS A DEAR ONE, FOR MURDER AND ANGUISH IS THE LOT WHICH HE AND HIS TRIBE MUST SUFFER WHEN THEY ARE FORCED TO SOLVE THE MEDICINE MEN MURDERS!

JO-JO IS HANDING TANEÉ A GOLD BRACELET...

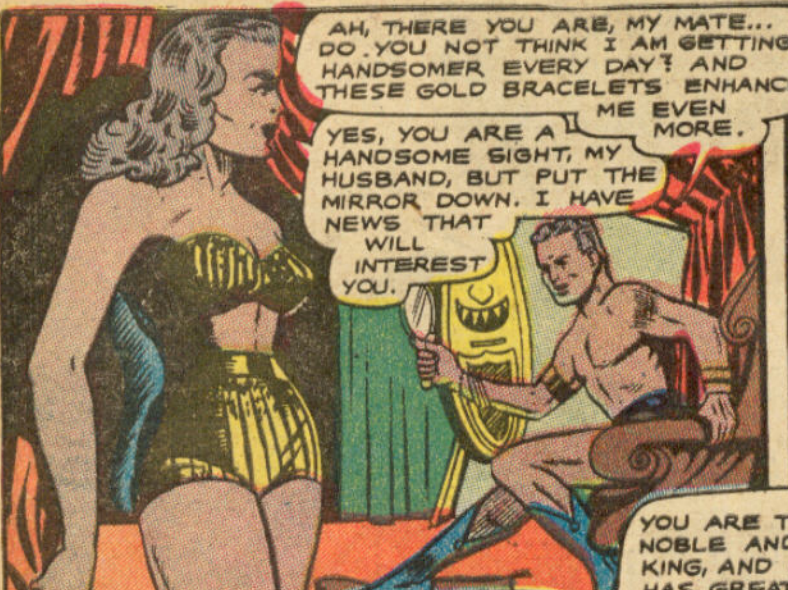
"LITTLE TANEÉ, YOU HAVE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT MY AFFECTION FOR YOU, BUT I NOW PROVE IT BY GIVING YOU A GOLD BRACELET WHICH I HAVE CHERISHED FOR MANY MOONS."

"OH, JO-JO, IT IS TRULY BEAUTIFUL, BUT WHERE DID YOU GET IT? NO ONE WEARS SUCH A JEWEL."

"A LONG WHILE AGO WE TRADED THE BRACELETS FOR CLOTHING, BUT ONE DAY OUR STOCK-PILES DISAPPEARED AND..."

"SO JO-JO HAS MORE BRACELETS... THAT IS VERY INTERESTING INDEED. I MUST RETURN TO MY HUSBAND AND TELL HIM THAT THERE ARE MORE RICHES TO BE GAINED IN JO-JO'S VILLAGE!"





AH, THERE YOU ARE, MY MATE... DO YOU NOT THINK I AM GETTING HANDSOMER EVERY DAY? AND THESE GOLD BRACELETS ENHANCE ME EVEN MORE.

YES, YOU ARE A HANDSOME SIGHT, MY HUSBAND, BUT PUT THE MIRROR DOWN. I HAVE NEWS THAT WILL INTEREST YOU.



THERE ARE MANY MORE BRACELETS SUCH AS THE ONES THAT WERE IN JO-JO'S KRAAL... BUT IT WOULD NOT BE WISE FOR US TO OBTAIN THEM BY RAIDING THE VILLAGE.

REMEMBER, TOO, JO-JO IS RESPECTED AND FEARED IN THE JUNGLE. AND COULD CAUSE US GREAT HARM.



THAT'S JUST THE POINT! HE COULD CAUSE US BOTH GREAT HARM! HE HAS NOT YET SOLVED THE BRACELET'S MYSTERY, BUT SHOULD HE FIND THEM ON YOU... WE WOULD NOT FARE GOOD!



YOU ARE TRULY A NOBLE AND HANDSOME KING, AND OUR TRIBE HAS GREAT NUMBERS, YET JO-JO IS SO WITTY. HE COULD CONCEIVABLY CONQUER US... HE MIGHT ALSO GO AS FAR AS TO MAR YOUR BEAUTY.



WHAT TALK IS THIS? MAR ME?



I COULD NOT STAND THAT... THEY SAY THAT JO-JO IS HANDSOME, TOO, AND PERHAPS HIS JEALOUSLY OF TINKO WOULD CAUSE HIM TO DO ANYTHING. PERHAPS YOU ARE RIGHT, SHIRA. WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO STOP HIM!



YES, WE WILL DO IT! WE WILL RAID JO-JO'S VILLAGE... BUT FIRST I MUST FORM A BATTLE PLAN!

AH! HOW BRAVE YOU ARE, TINKO!

DO NOT WORRY, MY DARLING... I ALREADY HAVE A PLAN. YOU WILL FIRST DECLARE WAR ON JO-JO AND LEAVE THE REST TO ME. I MUST DO A LITTLE MORE SPYING BEFORE WE ANIHILATE HIS PEOPLE! THAT WAY WE CAN GET THE REST OF THEIR TREASURES!

LATER, JO-JO HEARS THE STRANGE MUMBLINGS OF A DISTANT JUNGLE DRUM...



IS THAT NOT THE SOUND OF DRUMS, SON? BUT WHO? WHY?

HARK! THEY SPEAK, TELLING US A MESSAGE OF EVIL! TINKO'S TRIBE... WAR! THEY DECLARE WAR!

LET THE WORDS OF CONGO KING BE HEARD TO EVERY TRIBE IN THE JUNGLE! WE WILL HAVE NO WAR, FOR IT IS AN EVIL ACT AND SORROW IS ITS BROTHER. TELL EACH TRIBE TO SEND FORTH THEIR VOODOO DOCTORS AND WE WILL COUNCIL! GO TO ALL... BUT NOT TO THE AMBITIOUS TRIBE OF TINKO!

I SHALL EXPECT YOU AT NIGHTFALL, BROTHER, AND FORGET NOT THAT YOUR HASTE CAN BE OUR VICTORY!

HAVE FAITH IN ME, JO-JO. I WILL NOT FAIL YOU OR OUR TRIBE!

IN THEIR EXCITEMENT THEY NOTICE ME NOT.

THAT NIGHT, SHIRA AND A COUPLE OF NATIVES STEAL INTO TANEER'S HUT...

SHHH... DO NOT AWAKEN HER, ELSE SHE WILL SCREAM AND WE WILL BE CAPTURED!

LEAD ON, O SHIRA!

SHE SHALL BE CARRIED DEEP INTO THE JUNGLE AS YOU INSTRUCTED!

IF YOU SCREAM, WENCH, WE WILL SLAY YOU BEFORE HELP COULD ARRIVE! YOU ARE GOING WITH MY MEN, SO REST YOUR TONGUE AND CAUSE THEM NO DELAY!

HMMM...

LATER THAT NIGHT, MEDICINE MEN FROM MANY TRIBES GATHER AROUND A FIRE IN SOLEMN CONFERENCE WITH THE CONGO KING...

SPEAK, JO-JO!

STRANGE TO ME ARE YOUR RITES AND MEDICINE PRACTICES, MEN, BUT I KNOW YOU HAVE COMPASSION FOR YOUR TRIBES! THAT IS WHY I HAVE GATHERED YOU BEFORE MY WARRIORS!

SHE HAS THE STRENGTH OF A TIGRESS!

WAR CAN BE PREVENTED BY A SIMPLE MEASURE, FOR THOUGH WE FACE A STRONG FOE, THEY ARE LED BY A MAN OF GREAT VANITY... AT HEART A COWARD! A SYMBOL FROM EACH OF YOU WOULD PUT FEAR INTO HIS HEART AND HE WOULD SOON FORGET HIS CRY OF WAR!

YOU HAVE MADE ONE GRAVE ERROR, CONGO KING! YOU HAVE NOT ASKED US WHO WE FAVOR! YOUR PLAN DISPLEASES US... FOR IT IS TINKO WE WOULD FOLLOW! HE HAS PROMISED US MUCH IF WE OVERTAKE YOUR TRIBE!

TRUE! WE ARE FOLLOWERS OF TINKO, FOOL!

HO! WE WERE PREPARED FOR THIS ATTACK!

BUT MY MEN WERE NOT! I HAVE BEEN A FOOL!

BAH! WHAT WEAK ONES FOLLOW THE CONGO KING! HOW QUICKLY THEY ARE OVERCOME!

SURROUNDED BY TRAITORS! PERHAPS MY MEDICINE WILL BE AS EFFECTIVE AS YOURS, FRIEND OF TINKO!

HALLEE!

AIEEE!

EVEN WITH YOUR WEAPONS YOU ARE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO CAPTURE JO-JO! IF YOU WOULD LIVE, YOU HAD BEST CHANGE YOUR ALLEGIENCE! MY MEN WILL MA'AGE YOU WHILE I CLEAR THE PATH THAT WILL SOON BE DAMPENED BY YOUR BLOOD!

AAAAA!

I MUST SEEK OUT TANEE AND TELL HER TO LEAD THE OLD ONES AND THE CHILDREN AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE, ELSE THEY WILL BE SLAIN BY THE BRUTAL ONES! ALREADY THE VILLAGE IS AWAKENING FROM THE BATTLE DIN!

TANEE! SHE IS GONE. SOMEONE HAS TAKEN HER AWAY! BUT WHO WOULD TAKE OUT THEIR WRATH ON SUCH A SMALL ONE?

MY HEART TELLS ME TO SEARCH IN THE DIRECTION OF TINKO'S VILLAGE FOR MY MATE! I MUST HURRY, FOR I AM NEEDED BACK AT MY OWN KRAAL WHERE THE BATTLE STILL RAGES!

JO-JO IS IN LUCK...OR IS HE?... FOR LYING ON THE GROUND IS A GOLD BRACELET WHICH HE KNOWS BELONGS TO TANEE...

IT IS A GOOD THING THAT I PLANTED THE BRACELET WHERE HE WOULD FIND IT! NOW JO-JO WILL FIND HIMSELF A VICTIM OF SURPRISE ONCE MORE! THIS TIME OUR PET WILL ENTERTAIN HIM!

AIEE! I AM RIGHT! SHE HAS BEEN IN THIS PLACE!

YOURS WAS AN EXCELLENT PLAN! YOU SHOULD BE WELL REWARDED FOR THINKING OF EVERY LAST DETAIL!

EVIDENTLY TINKO AND HIS SCHEMING WIFE, SHIRA, DO NOT REMEMBER THAT JO-JO RULES THE JUNGLE BEASTS AS WELL AS THE NATIVES! AND THAT I AM ESPECIALLY KEEN WITH MY BLADE WHEN IT COMES TO A BEAST WHO CAN'T SEE MORE THAN THAT WHICH HE FACES!

IT IS CRUEL THAT THE BEAST MUST DIE BECAUSE OF THE DESIRES OF TWO EVIL ONES... BUT HE HAS BECOME A MURDERER AND I AM ONLY DOING THE JUNGLE A JUSTICE BY GETTING RID OF HIM! MY BLADE SINKS DEEPLY AND HE KNOWS NOT WHAT STRIKES HIM!

HURRY, MY LORD... JO-JO HAS SLAIN THE BEAST. WE ARE IN TROUBLE INDEED! IF HE CATCHES US, OUR PLANS WILL BE FINISHED AND OUR LIVES IN GREAT DANGER!

THE VINES... CAUGHT IN MY BRACELETS! I AM TRIPPING! HELP ME!

WE CAN'T GET AWAY! IT IS YOUR FAULT! YOU AND YOUR STUPID FACE! HOW I HATE IT! OHHH...

HOW CONVENIENT IT WAS THAT THE VINES HAVE MADE YOU MY CAPTIVES! HO! VAIN TINKO DOES NOT LOOK LIKE SUCH A PRETTY SIGHT NOW AND BOTH HE AND SHIRA WILL INDEED BE SORRY WHEN THEY MEET THEIR TRIBESMEN FOR JO-JO HAS MADE A DISCOVERY. THAT THE CONCEITED TINKO WEARS THE STOLEN BRACELETS!

MY FACE... MY FACE! THE VINES ARE SCRAPING IT TO BITS... NO, THIS CAN'T HAPPEN TO ME!

MERCY!

JO-JO... I AM SO GLAD THAT YOU LIVE! I LEAD THE MEDICINE MEN FROM ALL TRIBES BACK TO YOU! THEY WERE AMBUSHED BY TINKO'S TRIBESMEN WHO USED THEIR MASKS TO GAIN ENTRY TO VILLAGE. WE HAVE TREKKED A LONG WAY!

HERE ARE YOUR NOBLE LEADERS... TRIBESMEN, YOU SLAY NEEDLESSLY FOR THE VAINNESS OF TINKO... A THIEF WHO IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO LEAD THE WORST OF YOU!

SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TOO MUCH MERCY, JO-JO, FOR YOU HAVE LET THEM LIVE AND GIVEN THEM THEIR OWN TRIBAL LEADERS FOR JUSTICE... IT IS ONLY ONE OF THE THINGS THAT ENDEARS YOU TO ME EVEN MORE!

IT IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN LIVE PEACEFULLY IN THE JUNGLE, TAMEE!

YOU ARE WISE AS THOSE YOU LEAD, TAMEE... IT IS GOOD THAT YOU HAVE GONE BACK!

IF YOU COULD FORGIVE US, WE SHALL NEED YOUR ADVICE FROM NOW ON, OH, HONORED ONE!

The End

TERROR OF THE LOST MAIDENS



OUT OF NOWHERE CAME AN UGLY LITTLE MAN WHO CRAVED THE SMILE OF A MAIDEN! FINDING NONE, HE SET OUT IN HIS OWN FIENDISH WAY TO ROB JO-JO AND THE JUNGLE OF THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL -- TANE! NEVER DID THE CONGO KING KNOW SUCH DESPAIR NOR FIGHT SO FRANTICALLY WITH SUCH VALOR AS HE DID TO SAVE THE LOVELY BLOSSOMS THAT LANGUISHED IN THE GARDEN OF LOST MAIDENS!

TERROR STRIKES THE JUNGLE AS MAIDENS STRANGELY DISAPPEAR...

DO NOT FRET. JO-JO HAS PLACED US TO GUARD YOU!

WAH! ONCE IT WAS FUN TO GATHER THE JUNGLE FRUITS... BUT NOW...

THE HAIRY ONES ATTACK! RUN! FLEE FOR YOUR LIVES!

AIEE! I CAN NO LONGER PROTECT YOU, MAIDENS! FLEE!

HELP, JO-JO! THE MAN-THINGS CARRY US OFF! HELP!

THE GUARDS KILLED! I MUST HASTEN TO JO-JO!



REACHING A STRANGE WALLED GARDEN, THE APES PAUSE WITH THEIR VICTIMS...

OUR MISSING SISTERS...IN THIS GARDEN!

OH! NO LONGER DO THEY LIVE! THEY ARE TURNED TO BLOSSOMS!

WELCOME, FAITHFUL SERVANTS! AH! ANOTHER BATCH FOR MY GARDENS!

KEEP AWAY FROM ME, EVIL ONE! JO JO WILL PUNISH YOU FOR THIS!

ALWAYS THE SAME! THE LITTLE PRETTIES CRINGE FROM MY UGLY FACE, BUT THEY ARE POWERLESS JUST THE SAME! I COLLECT THE BEAUTIES, NO MATTER HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT ME!



YOU SEE, MY DEAR? THIS IS WHAT I WILL MAKE OUT OF YOU! A LOVELY BLOSSOM! YOU WON'T BE DEAD, OH, NO! BUT THEN AGAIN, YOU WON'T BE ALIVE EITHER!

THAT'S RIGHT, MY PETS! I'LL MAKE GARDENERS OUT OF YOU YET!

OHH! MY HEAD SPINS! CANNOT MOVE MY MUSCLES!

IT TOOK ME TWENTY YEARS TO PERFECT THIS LITTLE INVENTION! TOO BAD YOU CAN'T SPEAK, YOU LOVELY ONE, BUT AT LEAST I WILL ALWAYS HAVE YOU HERE IN MY GARDEN WHERE I CAN ENJOY YOUR BEAUTY!



HELPLESS! CAN'T EVEN CRY OUT! OHHH...

THERE! IT IS DONE! AND IF JO-JO THINKS HE CAN UNDO THIS, HE'S VERY WRONG!

I AM READY FOR A VISIT FROM THE CONGO KING ANYWAY! HE'S JUST WHAT I NEED IN MY GARDEN! ONE WEED! EVEN MY HAIRY FRIENDS WOULD ENJOY THAT JOKE! HEH-HEH-HEH!



THE FRENZY IN JO-JO'S KRAAL GREET'S HIM UPON RETURNING FROM HIS HUNT...

WHAT SHALL WE DO, MY MATE?

IT IS WELL I RETURNED, TANE! I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE APES SHOULD DO SUCH A THING THOUGH.

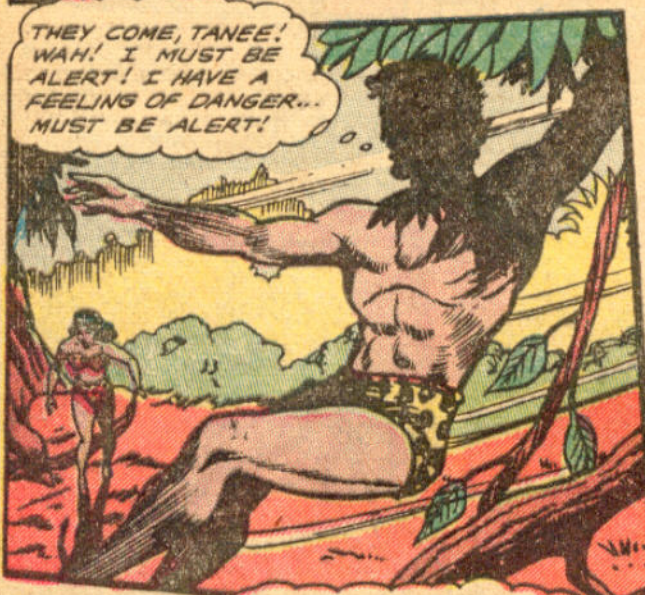
WE MUST WORK FAST, JO-JO, LEST ALL OF OUR MAIDENS DISAPPEAR!

I MUST SET A TRAP, AND THOUGH I LIKE IT NOT, I MUST USE TANE! AS BAIT! SHE IS BRAVE AND WILL UNDERSTAND! IT IS THE ONLY WAY!

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU MUST DO, TANE! I WILL BE CLOSE BY AND WILL FOLLOW YOU EVERYWHERE! IT IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN FIGHT THIS EVIL!



NO! I CAN'T! I FEAR THESE HAIRY BRUTES! HELP ME, JO-JO! SAVE ME! I CANNOT PLAY MY PART!



THEY COME, TANE! WAH! I MUST BE ALERT! I HAVE A FEELING OF DANGER... MUST BE ALERT!

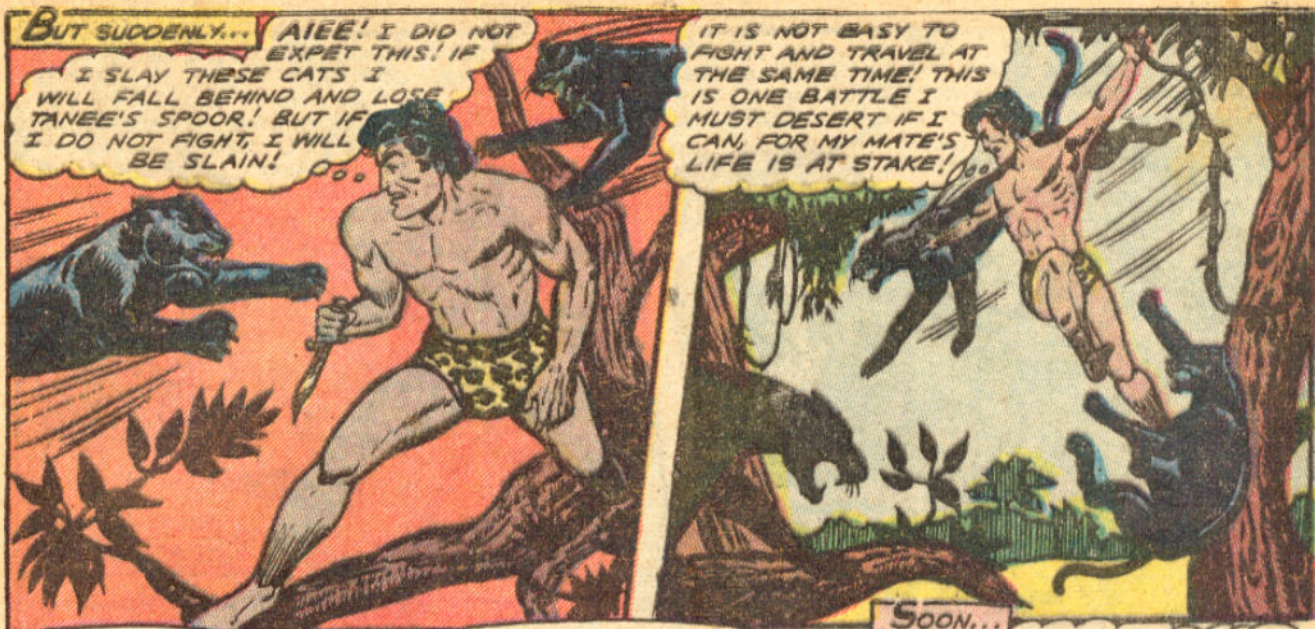


WAH! JO-JO HAS HEARD ME, YET HE DOES NOT COME! HE THINKS ONLY OF HIS PLANS WHILE HIS MATE DIES OF TERROR!

TRUE ENOUGH, JO-JO HAS HEARD, BUT HE DOES NOT RESPOND...

IT IS NOT EASY TO DO THIS, BUT I MUST KNOW EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS! TO KILL THESE BRUTES WOULD NOT SAVE THE OTHER MAIDENS! TANE! WILL FORGIVE ME WHEN ALL IS DONE!





BUT SUDDENLY... AIEE! I DID NOT EXPECT THIS! IF I SLAY THESE CATS I WILL FALL BEHIND AND LOSE TANEE'S SPOOR! BUT IF I DO NOT FIGHT, I WILL BE SLAIN!

IT IS NOT EASY TO FIGHT AND TRAVEL AT THE SAME TIME! THIS IS ONE BATTLE I MUST DESERT IF I CAN, FOR MY MATE'S LIFE IS AT STAKE!



WAH! FOR THE FIRST TIME I WELCOME THE SIGHT OF YOU, SCALY ONE!



THE NEXT TIME WE CHANCE TO MEET I WILL SPARE YOU YOUR LIFE, THOUGH THE JUNGLE KNOWS YOU NOT AS A FRIEND!



SOON...

I HAVE BEEN LONGS DELAYED, BUT FINALLY I FIND THE PLACE WHERE THE HAIRY ONES HAVE TAKEN TANEE! IF SHE IS HARMED, I WILL DEAL DEATH TO THOSE WHO DWELL WITHIN THESE WALLS!



TANEE! WHAT WITCHCRAFT IS THIS? BUT A MOMENT AGO SHE BREATHED AND TALKED! NOW SHE IS A JUNGLE BLOSSOM! SUCH A THING CANNOT BE... YET IT IS!



BUT IT IS VERY TRUE! AND AS TANEE IS A CHARMING BLOSSOM IN MY GARDEN, SO SHALL YOU BE A WEED IN A FEW MOMENTS! SEIZE HIM, MY PETS!

A TWISTED TONGUE SPEAKS WITH AN EVIL BRAIN, AND BEFORE I DIE, I WILL TEACH HIM RIGHT FROM WRONG! I CHALLENGE YOU ALL!



WITHOUT MY MATE TO LIVE BY MY SIDE, I CARE NOT FOR MY OWN LIFE AND I DETEST YOURS, UGLY LAWBREAKERS!

KILL HIM, MY FRIENDS! I'VE CHANGED MY MIND! I DON'T EVEN WANT THE WEED! HE IS YOURS! SLAY HIM!

YOUR PLANS FAIL, TWISTED ONE! JO-JO IS THE VICTOR AND IT IS MY JUDGMENT THAT YOU JOIN YOUR HAIRY FRIENDS IN DEATH!

NO! I PLOTTED THIS SO CAREFULLY!

ONLY ONE APE LEFT! AND A WOUNDED ONE AT THAT!

STOP, YOU FOOL! IT'S ME! YOUR MASTER! STOP! YOU'RE CHOKING ME!

THE APE IS CRAZED FROM HIS WOUNDS! HE SLAYS HIS OWN MASTER!

BUT WHAT GOOD HAS IT DONE TO BESTOW DEATH ON THE WICKED MASTER AND HIS SERVANTS? STILL MY TANEI IS A HUSHED BLOSSOM! I AM WORSE THAN A FAILURE, FOR IT WAS MY DARING PLAN THAT BROUGHT THIS TRAGEDY ABOUT! OH, WHAT CAN I DO TO RELEASE YOU, FAIR ONE?



EVEN THE HEAVENS SEEMED TO JOIN JO-JO IN MOURNING...

WAH! THE JUNGLE GODS SEEK TO STRIKE ME WITH SKY FIRE, AND THE WEEPING CLOUDS POUR HEAVILY OVER THE MAIDENS!

JO-JO! DO NOT LET ME FALL! MY FEET... STILL NUMB...

TANEI! A SKY MIRACLE! NEVER DID I EXPECT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AGAIN!

AND IN THE POUNDING RAIN THERE IS A HAPPY REUNION...

LET US HASTEN TO OUR KRAAL!

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS THING, BUT I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL!

HE DID NOT KNOW THAT IN THIS COUNTRY OF MUCH SUN, RAIN ALSO COMES!



The End

THE "Lone Wolf" OF FEAR



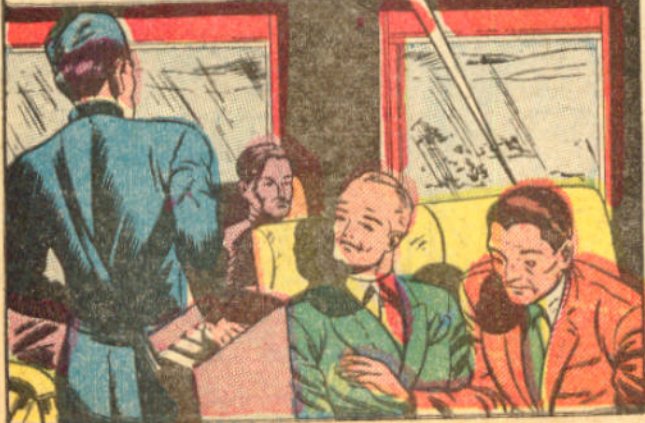
LEONARD SCARNICI... THE "LONE WOLF" KILLER... WAS A DOUBLE-DEALING MURDERER WHO FATTENED ON THE ILLEGAL INCOMES OF MORE CLEVER AND MORE DARING GANG LEADERS!!! HE DID THEIR GUN WORK FOR THEM... CHOOSING HIS VICTIMS CAREFULLY... AND CATCHING THEM IN A MOMENT OF HELPLESSNESS... CUTTING THEM DOWN COLD-BLOODEDLY... WHEN HE DRILLED THEM IN THE BACK... HIS UGLY BLUE AUTOMATIC SPITTING OUT THE LEAD MESSENGERS OF DEATH!!!

WHEN THE NAME OF LEONARD SCARNICI WAS MENTIONED... IT WAS IN A WHISPER... FOR THE HARDENED AND TOUGH GUNMEN OF THE UNDERWORLD DREADED THIS QUIET MAN WITH THE STEP OF A WOLF... AND THE QUICK TRIGGER FINGER OF THE BORN KILLER!!! THE DOOM OF LEONARD SCARNICI... WAS WRITTEN BY A WOMAN... A FIERY, TEMPERMENTAL RED-HEAD WHO INFORMED... GIVING THE "LONE WOLF" KILLER INTO THE HANDS OF THE LAW... SO THAT THE LAST LONG MILE... TO THE EXECUTION CHAMBER... MIGHT BE WALKED BY...
.... LEONARD SCARNICI !!!

ON A SUNDAY IN JULY... LEONARD SCARNICI CAME TO NEW YORK FROM SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTES... ACCOMPANIED BY A STRANGELY SILENT GENTLEMAN...

HERE... BOY... I'LL TAKE ONE OF THE CANDY BARS!! HOW ABOUT YOU?? OR ARE YA STILL KEEPING QUIET... THE LEAST YA CAN DO IS MAKE LIKE YER A FRIEND OF MINE AND JOIN ME !!!

I'M PRETTY CHOOSY... SCARNICI... ABOUT WHOM I'M SEEN TALKING TO!! I'D JUST AS SOON HAVE IT LOOK LIKE IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, MY SITTING NEXT TO YOU COMING DOWN FROM SPRINGFIELD!!! COME ON... WE'RE PULLING INTO GRAND CENTRAL STATION!!!



AT THE AGE OF TWENTY-FOUR...LEONARD SCARNICI MADE HIS DEBUT IN NEW YORK...ACCOMPANIED BY AN ESCORT...

WELL... THANKS FOR THE FREE RIDE ?? I WANTED TO COME TO NEW YORK, ANYWAY ??

THE PLEASURE WAS ALL SPRINGFIELD'S... SCARNICI ?? AFTER THE STUFF YOU PULLED THE ONLY THING TO DO WAS TO GET OUT OF TOWN ??

OH...YES... SCARNICI... HERE'S A TEN SPOT TO GET YOU GOING! THE CITIZENS OF SPRINGFIELD THOUGHT THE PRICE WAS CHEAP !!! AND DON'T COME BACK !!!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT... I DON'T GO WHERE I AIN'T WELCOME ??



ON HIS FIRST NIGHT IN N.Y. LEONARD SCARNICI DRIFTED DOWN TO A WATERFRONT STREET...

IF I ONLY HAD A GAT... I COULD HOLD THIS GUY UP... IT'S DARK ENOUGH DOWN HERE... NOBODY WOULD BE THE WISER / MAYBE THAT PIECE OF WOOD ON THE SIDEWALK...

O.K. ... BUDDY... GET YER HANDS UP IN THE AIR ! GRAB THE NIGHT CEILING ?? I WANT YER ROLL... OR ELSE I'LL BLOW A TUNNEL INTO YER BODY?

GO EASY WITH THAT ROSCOE FELLA ?? MIGHT GO OFF ?

ALL RIGHT ... WISE GUY... I'M GONNA TWIST THAT ARM RIGHT OUT OF ITS SOCKET ?? SAY... THAT'S A LAUGH ... HOLDING UP TOUGH JOE LAPHAM ... WITH A HUNK OF WOOD ??



AW... ALL I WAS TRYING TO DO ... WAS PICK UP A COUPLA BUCKS... HEY ?? THAT HURT ???

TAKE IT EASY... YA GOT MOXIE ... I CAN SEE THAT... TRYING TO HOLD ME UP WITH A HUNK OF WOOD ? MAYBE I CAN FIX YA UP... GO DOWN TO CARNEY'S POOL HALL ... IT'S JUST ...

TWO BLOCKS DOWN THAT WAY ... YACAN'T MISS IT ?? TELL CARNEY ... THAT TOUGH JOE LAPHAM SENT YA DOWN... HE'LL TAKE CARE OF YA... PUT YA ON TO SOMETHING ??

THANKS... JOE... MAYBE I CAN DO THE SAME FOR YA SOMEDAY...

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

TOUGH JOE LAPHAM SENT ME DOWN TO SEE YA... CARNEY ... SAID YA MIGHT BE ABLE TO PUT ME IN THE WAY OF PICKING UP A COUPLA BUCKS ??

HOLD IT UP... HOLD IT UP ?? I'M MAKING A SHOT ???



LATER... IN CARNEY'S PRIVATE OFFICE...

ONE NIGHT... SHORTLY AFTER...

I'M A BOOKIE... SCARNICI... AND RUN THIS POOL HALL ON THE SIDE... I'M A MEMBER OF A BIG SYNDICATE... AND I CAN USE A LEG MAN... FOR KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH THE REST OF THE BOYS??

ONE OF THE BOOKIES... OF THE SYNDICATE... GUY BY THE NAME OF BEGHORN WAS HIT... HAS TO PAY OFF AND NEEDS THIS DOUGH... TAKE IT TO HIM... DON'T GET ANY IDEAS ABOUT GETTING LOST ON THE WAY?

I'LL DO ANYTHING... CARNEY??? ANYTHING??

I'LL BE BACK??

LATER... AT BEGHORN'S...

A FEW MINUTES AFTER SCARNICI LEFT BEGHORN'S...

HERE'S THE MONEY THAT CARNEY SENT OVER?? BROTHER... WHAT A SET UP YA GOT HERE???

YEAH...YEAH... GRAB YERSELF A DRINK ON THE HOUSE... AND THEN TAKE OFF?? THIS IS A HIGH-CLASS JOINT??

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HIC? HELLO THERE FRIEND... COME TO JOIN THE FUN Z AIN'T SEEN YA IN YEARS... HIC?... I AINT-

SURE... I'M AN OLD FRIEND OF YER... COME UP THIS ALLEY... AND WE'LL RENEW ACQUAINTANCE... BUT GOOD??



HIC? PUT IT THERE... BUDDY... MITT ME... GIVE ME YER... AIEEE?

I'LL MITT YA ALL RIGHT! NOW GIVE ME YER ROLL OF DOUGH... OR DO I HAVE TA WORK YA OVER FOR THE CASH?? I AINT TAKING ANY BACK TALK???

MUSH BE SOMETHING WRONG... FELLA... I'M A BUDDY... FROM WAY BACK... AGGGHHH??

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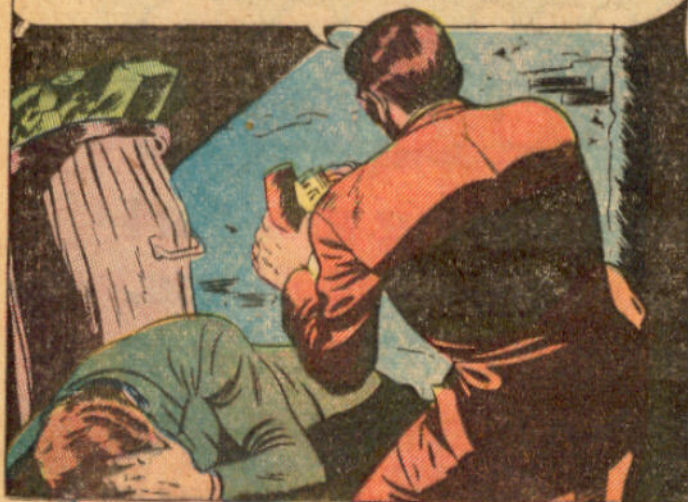
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NONCHALANTLY... SCARNICI... RETURNED TO CARNEY'S POOL HALL...

WHAT TOOK YA SO LONG, SCARNICI ? I WAS BEGINNING TO WORRY ABOUT YER HEALTH ? THAT'S FRANKIE BOWSON... WHY DON'T THE TWO OF YA PLAY A GAME... AND LEAVE ME ALONE ?

COME ON... FRANKIE... LET'S RACK 'EM UP ???



IT'LL HAVE TO BE A QUICK ONE... SCARNICI... I GOTTA MAKE A PICK-UP FOR MY BOSS TONIGHT... MAYBE YA'D LIKE TO COME ALONG FOR THE RIDE, GO OUT TO A ROADHOUSE ???

SURE... SURE... I COULD STAND A BREAK ???

TEN MINUTES LATER...

CARNEY WAS TELLING ME... YER HIS LEG MAN ? ALMOST LIKE MY JOB... I'M A SORT OF CHAUFFEUR... AND HANDYMAN FOR THE BOSS... HE'S A BOOT LEGGER ! GOTTA PICK UP SIX HUNDRED BUCKS FOR HIM TONIGHT... AT THIS ROADHOUSE ?

AT THE ROADHOUSE...

I'LL GO INSIDE... SCARNICI... PICK UP THE DOUGH FROM THE CUSTOMER ? ONLY BE A COUPLA MINUTES ??



FRANKIE TRUSTS TOO MANY PEOPLE ?? A LITTLE WORK WITH THE JACK-KNIFE ON TH' VALVE... AND WE'RE GONNA HAVE A SLOW LEAK ON THE WAY BACK ! HE'LL HAVTA FIX IT, I WANT THAT DOUGH ???

THAT WAS QUICK... SCARNICI ?? COME ON... LET'S HEAD BACK TO NEW YORK ! I GET THE CREEPS OUT HERE IN THE COUNTRY ?

FIVE MINUTES LATER...

YA FEEL THAT ? WE GOT A FLAT... AND I DON'T KNOW HOW... AIN'T THAT ROTTEN LUCK ?? THE CAR SURE BOUNCES AROUND ON THESE ROADS... WE'RE GONNA HAVTA STOP AND FIX IT ???

SO... YA GOT THE MONEY WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE... HUH... THAT'S PRETTY GOOD ???

YEAH... YEAH, WE CAN'T CONTINUE THIS WAY ???



HERE, SCARNICI... I'LL OPEN YER DOOR? YA WANNA FIX THAT TIRE... PUT ON THE SPARE? I'D DO IT... BUT I GOTTA BAD BACK??

DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THIS STUFF... FRANKIE... I'LL HELP YOU???

GROAN... MY BACK'S REALLY BEGINNING TO GET SHOOTING PAINS?? I SHOULD'N'T BE DOING THIS... YA WANNA HAND ME THAT WRENCH... SCARNICI???

YEAH SURE... FRANKIE... I'LL GIVE YA THE WRENCH?

C'MON... SNAP IT UP... I DON'T WANNA STAY OUT HERE ALL NIGHT. NO... DON'T, YA DIRTY RAT... AIEEE??

I CAN USE THAT SIX HUNDRED BUCKS... FRANKIE... YER PAVING FOR MY READY CASH? AHHH... THAT'LL SHUT YA UP PERMANENTLY

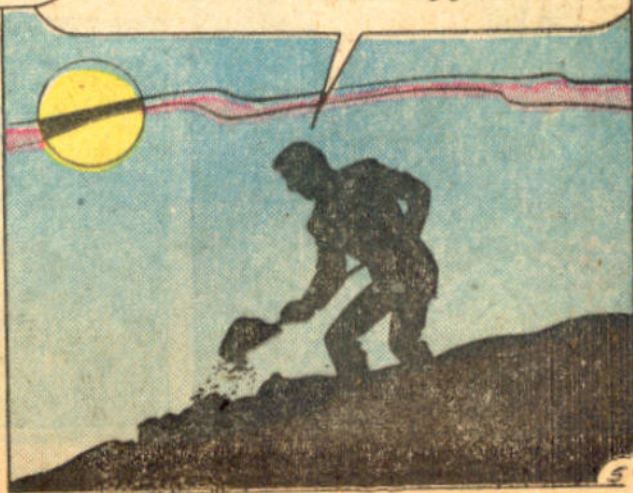
HE DIDN'T GET CASH... WHY, THE STUPID RAT... WE TOOK A CHECK FOR SIX HUNDRED BUCKS... IT'S ONLY PAPER TO ME... I CAN'T USE IT? I CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE ON THE COPS TRACING A FORGED CHECK TO ME???

THE STUPID DIRTY RAT... FRANKIE BOWSON... PULLING ONE ON ME LIKE THIS... HERE I WAS THINKING I WAS LONE WOLFING IT INTO SIX HUNDRED IRON MEN?? I'LL DUMP YER BODY IN THIS HOLE HERE... AND COVER IT WITH DIRT???



WHAT A BRAIN I GOT... I ALMOST FORGOT TO TIE ON TO HIS ROD?? I MAY NEED THAT YET... IT'LL HELP ME TO PICK UP SOME CASH?? MAYBE I CAN RIDE THE CAR BACK... SELL IT TO SOME SECOND HAND DEALER?

WELL... MY LUCK AIN'T BEEN TOO HOT TONIGHT, ROLLED ONE DRUNK... AND THEN LOST SIX HUNDRED BUCKS WHEN I FOOLED MYSELF? GOTTA GET THAT CAR ROLLING... AND BUILD MY BANKROLL??



I GOTTA GET DOUGH!! EVEN IF I HAVE TO PUSH FRANKIE'S GAT RIGHT THROUGH SOMEBODY... I'M GONNA GET CASH!! THAT OUT DOOR MOVIE THEATRE... WONDER IF I COULD FIND ME A LOADED SUCKER THERE?

I'LL PARK THE CAR HERE... IN THESE TREES... AND LEAVE THE MOTOR RUNNING... JUST IN CASE I GOTTA TAKE OFF IN A HURRY... AND THEN BACK ACROSS THE ROAD TO THAT OUT DOOR THEATRE... TO SEE WHAT I CAN DO???

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

IF I CAN JUST COME UP ON THEM... BEFORE THEY SEE ME... I CAN PULL IT OFF! JUST SO I GET TO THEM BEFORE THEY GET A CHANCE TO YELL???



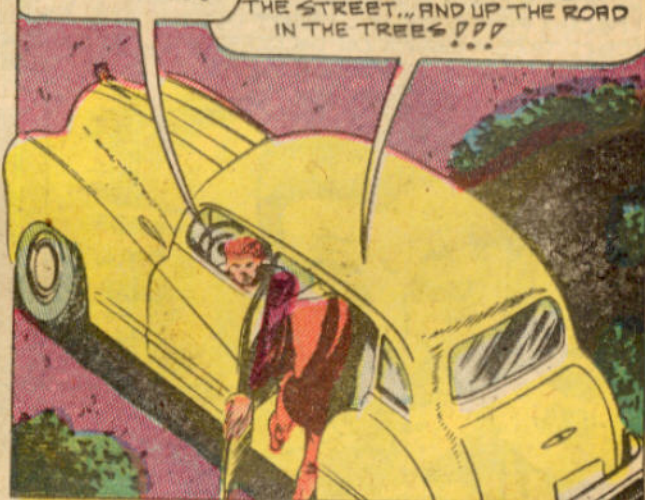
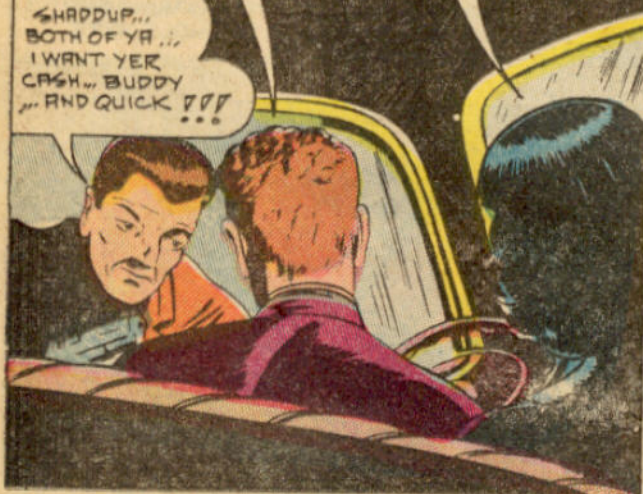
HEY... WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL OFF???

JOE... I'M SCARED... DON'T LET HIM DO ANYTHING???

SHADDUP... BOTH OF YA... I WANT YER CASH... BUDDY... AND QUICK???

I DON'T HAVE ANY DOUGH TO GIVE YOU! I'M BROKE!!

ALL RIGHT... WISE GUY... WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT! YA DON'T WANT TO FORK OVER? GET THIS CAR GOING... DRIVE ACROSS THE STREET... AND UP THE ROAD IN THE TREES???



TEN MINUTES LATER...

YOU'RE WELCOME TO GO THROUGH MY POCKETS... MISTER... BUT I'M TELLING THE TRUTH???

GET OUTTA THAT CAR, RAT... I'M GONNA FRISK YA FOR EVERY CENT YA GOT??

SEE? I WASN'T LYING... I'M FLAT BROKE... I HAD JUST ENOUGH MONEY FOR GAS... AND FOR THE MOVIE!

YA ROTTEN PUNK... I OUGHTTA BLAST YA!! JUST FOR COMING OUT HERE WITH- OUT A RED CENT TO YER NAME??

FOR TWO CENTS... REAL MONEY... I'D PUSH THIS GUN AGAINST YER NOSE... AND PULL THE TRIG... HEY?? LET GO??

HURRY, BETTY... GET THE MOTOR GOING... AND DRIVE FOR HELP TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION???

WHY WON'T YOU LET US GO??

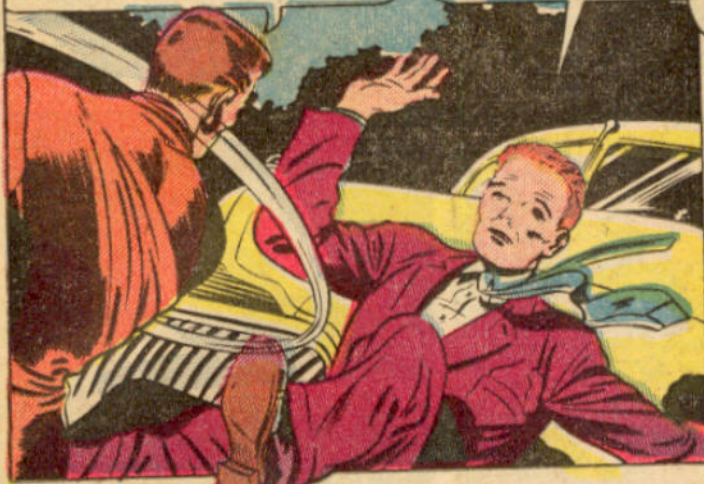


UGH... I'M GOING TO BLAST YER
HEAD OFF... JUST AS SOON AS I...
UGH... THERE ??? THAT DOES IT...
NOW I'M PAYING OFF IN HOT LEAD...
YOU ASKED FOR IT ???

GET OUT OF HERE
... BETTY... SAVE
YOURSELF AT LEAST
... AGGGHHH ???

STOP YER WHINING...
YA DIRTY RAT ?? YOU
ASKED FOR A HELPING
OF HOT LEAD... AND YA
GOT IT ??? THE GIRL
... SHE'S GOTTEN
AWAY ???

DON'T... DON'T
DO IT... DON'T KILL
ME... I WANT TO
LIVE... JUST BE-
CAUSE I DIDN'T
HAVE ANY...
AIIIEEEE ???



SECONDS LATER... SCARNICI
SPED AWAY FROM HIS SECOND
MURDER OF THE NIGHT...

ON THE MONEY HE HAD GOTTEN
FROM THE DRUNK... SCARNICI PAID
A VISIT TO BEGHORN'S BAR...

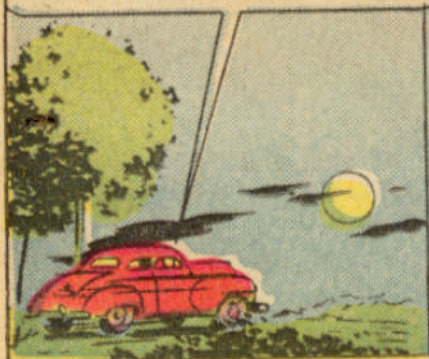
THEY CAN'T CONNECT ME WITH
FRANKIE'S DEATH... NOBODY KNEW
THAT I WAS WITH HIM, AND THEY'LL NEVER
FIND HIS BODY ??? THAT'S TAKING
CARE OF CARNEY AND THE BOYS...
BUT IT DOESN'T RAISE ANY CASH
FOR ME....

HELLO... KID ?
I DIDN'T SEE
YOU... LAST
TIME I WAS IN
HERE ? HOW
ABOUT SEEING
YOU AGAIN...
AFTER YER OFF
TONIGHT ?

SURE... MR.
SCARNICI ??
AND I WANT YOU
TO KNOW I SAW
YOU WHEN YOU
WERE HERE ??

WHAT'S
THE TROUBLE
...MR. BEGHORN
...YA LOOK
WORRIED ?

THESE GANG WARS...
SCARNICI... GIVE ME
A LOT OF TROUBLE
...HEY, JOE... FILL IT
UP... IT'S ON THE
HOUSE ? THE WARS
ARE RUINING MY
BUSINESS ???



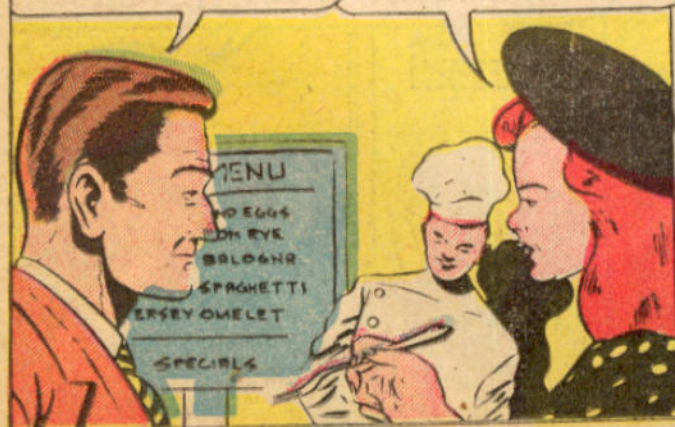
LATER THAT EVENING...

SCARNICI TOOK THE HINT... AND SAW BEGHORN...

MYRNA... WE'RE GONNA
SEE A LOT OF EACH OTHER ?
ALL I NEED IS SOME CASH...
AND THIS MIGHT BECOME A
PERMANENT DUET ???

I KNOW HOW YOU CAN
GET PLENTY OF CASH ??
BEGHORN WOULD PAY
BIG DOUGH... TO GET
RID OF THE BOYS WARRING
ON HIM NOW ?

SEE THAT... SCARNICI... I'M CUTTING FIVE
THOUSAND BUCKS IN HALF... AND I'M GONNA
GIVE YOU HALF ?? YOU'LL GET THE OTHER
HALF WHEN YOU RUB OUT BLINKEY DICE AND
SKIP FLOREY ??? YOU CAN TRAIL THEM
OUTTA HERE... THEY'RE AT THE...



...BAR NOW...SLOPPING UP MY LIQUOR ??? THEY CAME IN TO SHAKE ME DOWN ???

TEN MINUTES LATER...BINKY DICE AND SKIP FLOREY LEFT BEG HORN'S BAR...BUT NOT ALONE...

UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN... BINKY...WE'RE BEING TAILED...

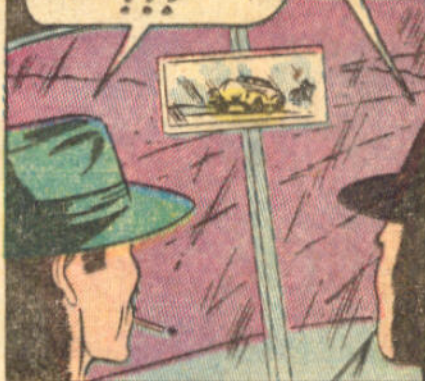
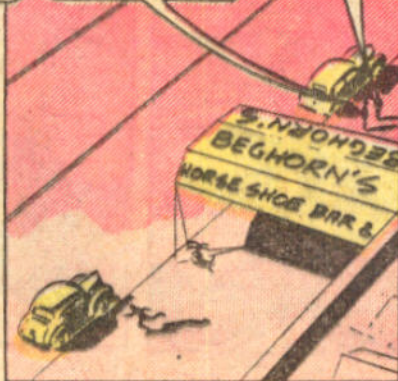
YEAH...WHAT I WAS THINKING... FINE TIME TO BE CAUGHT WITHOUT OUR RODS ?

WHEN THEY LEAVE, I'LL SHADOW THEIR CAR...STICK TO IT... UNTIL I CATCH UP WITH THEM IN AN ISOLATED SPOT...AND THEN...BOOOOMM !!!

JUST ONE MORE STOP...AT THE FLEA-BITTEN JOINT ON THE EDGE OF TOWN!

YEAH...DON'T THINK I WON'T BE GLAD TO GET FINISHED...THEY ALL WANT TO KNOCK US OFF !!!

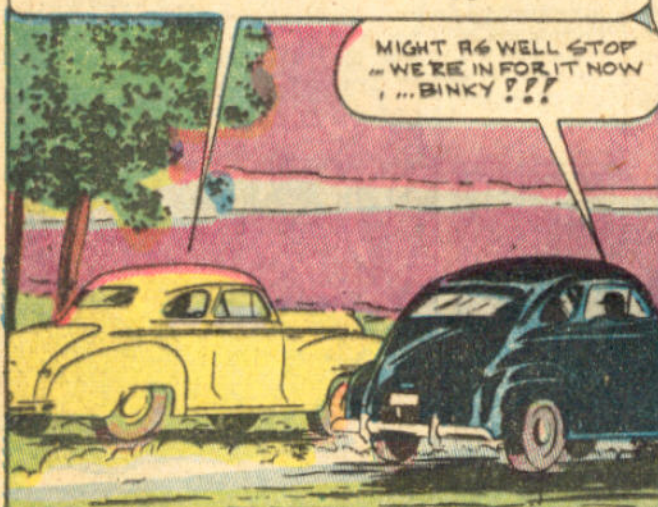
THAT CAR BEHIND US HAS STUCK LIKE GLUE FOR THE LAST FIFTEEN MINUTES !!!



COME ON...GET THAT CAR OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD...AND STOP IT ?? I BEEN TAILING YOU GUYS FOR THE LAST TWENTY MINUTES ??

WHEW! IT'S LEONARD SCARNICI... ONE OF CARNEY'S BOYS? WHAT A RELIEF... I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOME TORPEDO ON OUR TAIL TO RUB US OUT ???

HOW FUNNY...BINKY... BUT YA AIN'T FAR WRONG... TURN AROUND AND WALK THIRTEEN STEPS AWAY FROM ME ???



MIGHT AS WELL STOP...WE'RE IN FOR IT NOW...BINKY ???



DON'T DO IT... SCARNICI... WE CAN BUY OFF... GIVE YA PLENTY OF CASH... EIGHT...NINE STEPS...

TEN...ELEVEN...TWELVE...MY LIFE WOULDN'T BE WORTH A PLUGGED NICKEL WITH YOU TWO ALIVE...YOU'D GET ME SOONER OR LATER...THIRTEEN ??? TURN AROUND ???

SCARNICI...COLLECTED ON THE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS...AND THEN...

YA KNOW...MYRNA...NOW THAT I GOT SOME CASH...THANKS TO YOU...AND I GOT THE TASTE OF IT...I'M OUT FOR THE BIG DOUGH ?? I'M TIRED OF LONE WOLFING IT...I'M GONNA FORM A GANG OF MY OWN ???



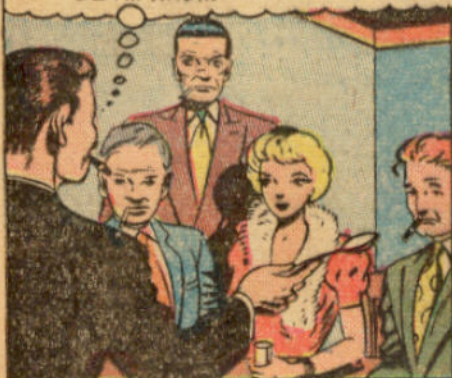
SCARNICI WASTED NO TIME FORM-
ING HIS GANG...

THE WISH WAS FATHER TO THE
DEED... AND ONE NIGHT...

SCARNICI COULD NOT FORESEE
...THAT HE HAD SEALED HIS FATE...

THERE'S BIG MONEY IN BEING ORGANIZED
...THAT'S WHY WE'RE FORMING THIS GANG
...WITH ME AS LEADER ???

THAT ROCKY'S GOT A BEAUTIFUL WIFE
...MAYBE I COULD DITCH MYRNA... CUT ROCKY
OUT... AND...



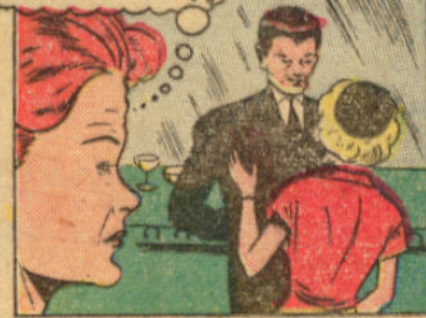
BUT... I DON'T
GET IT... SCARNICI
...WHAT YA GOT
AGAINST ME...
WHAT DID I DO
...DON'T SHOOT
...AGGGHHH ?



NOTHING AGAINST YA
PERSONALLY, ROCKY
...I LIKE YER WIFE ?
YER NOT GOIN' TO
STAND IN MY
WAY ???

NICE OUR GETTING TOGETHER RIGHT
AFTER YER HUSBAND HAD THAT
ACCIDENT ?? ME AND THE BOYS
IS GONNA CRACK A BAK IN REN-
SALAER IN NEW YORK... THEN
WE'LL HAVE FUN ??

LEAVING ME
FOR HER... HE'LL
PAY FOR THAT ??



IN THE SPRING... SCARNICI'S GANG
PULLED OFF THEIR BANK HOLD-UP IN
RENSALAER, NEW YORK...

HERE... YOU GUYS... I'VE FOUND THE
READY CASH... I'LL PICK UP ALL OF IT I CAN
FIND ?? JUST KEEP THEM HICKS COVERED
...AND BLAST THEM IF THEY TRY SOME-
THING ???



COME ON... YA WHITE LIVERED CLERK
...START SPINNING THOSE KNOBS
...I WANT THE CASH IN THAT SAFE ???
IT'S YER SKIN... OR THAT SAFE DOOR
COMES OPEN... I'LL BLAST EVERYBODY
IN HERE... IF YA DON'T MOVE FAST ???



YER PRETTY TOUGH
...FELLA... BUT I'M
NOT GOING TO
OPEN THAT
SAFE FOR YOU ?
I WILL TURN THE
ALARM... THOUGH...
NO ? NO ? AGGGHHH ?

LOOKS LIKE
YOU THOUGHT
THE MONEY
IN THAT
SAFE WAS
WORTH YOUR
LIFE ??
LET'S GET
OUT OF
HERE ??



SCARNICI RACED BACK TO N.Y.
HUNTED FOR THE BRUTAL MURDER OF
THE TELLER... SCARNICI'S LUCK
HAD RUN OUT...

I'LL FIX SCARNICI FOR DITCHING ME
FOR THAT BLONDE HUSSY... IF IT'S
THE LAST THING I DO...

LISTEN... YOU COPS... SCARNICI...
THE MURDERER IS WAITING FOR A
BLONDE IN GOMPER'S DELICATESSEN
IN THE BRONX... THEY'RE PLANNING A
GETAWAY ???



IN A MATTER OF MINUTES...
THE EFFICIENT NEW YORK POLICE
HAD SWUNG INTO ACTION...

DON'T MOVE... ANYBODY... THERE
MAY BE SOME SHOOTING HERE ??
SCARNICI... DROP THAT GUN...
YOU'RE CORNERED ???



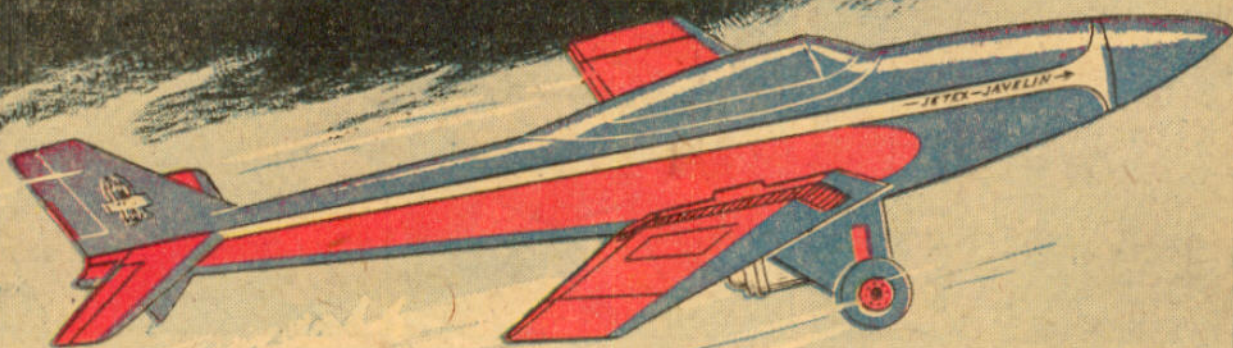
ALL RIGHT... DON'T SHOOT... I
GIVE UP... THERE'S MY GUN ???
I GIVE UP... I DON'T WANT TO DIE ?



LEONARD SCARNICI... THE
"LONE WOLF" KILLER WENT TO THE
ELECTRIC CHAIR... TO PAY FOR HIS
VICIOUS MURDERS... UNWITTINGLY
THE VICTIM OF HIS OWN TREACH-
ERY ???

The End

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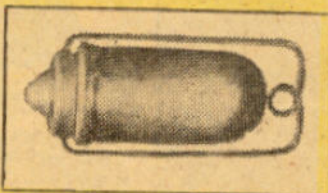
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(please print)

Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

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Chippewa Falls, Wisc.

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Name

Age

Address

Town..... State.....



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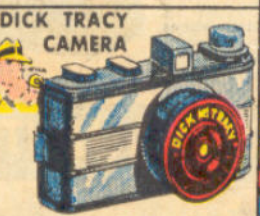
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